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Executive Decision

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Inspector General

SUBJECT : DCI Notes for Meeting of the President's Board of Consultants, Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 October 1958

REFERENCE : IG Memorandum, subject as above, dated 16 September 1958

1. Actions taken with reference to the 14 recommendations so far made by the President's Board of Consultants are summarized in the following tabulation:

a. Recommendations Nos. 1 and 4 of 20 December 1956 on increased coordination and strong centralized direction of the U.S. foreign intelligence effort.

Action:

(1) The revised NSCIDs establish the DCI's coordinating authority and responsibilities in positive terms.

(2) All foreign intelligence activities are now included within the DCI's coordinating responsibility and within the cognizance of the new U. S. Intelligence Board.

(3) The Office of the DD/C was established to assist the DCI in promoting increased integration, more effective coordination and elimination of unnecessary duplication within the intelligence community.

b. Recommendation No. 2 of 20 December 1956 on functioning of the intelligence community in wartime.

Action:

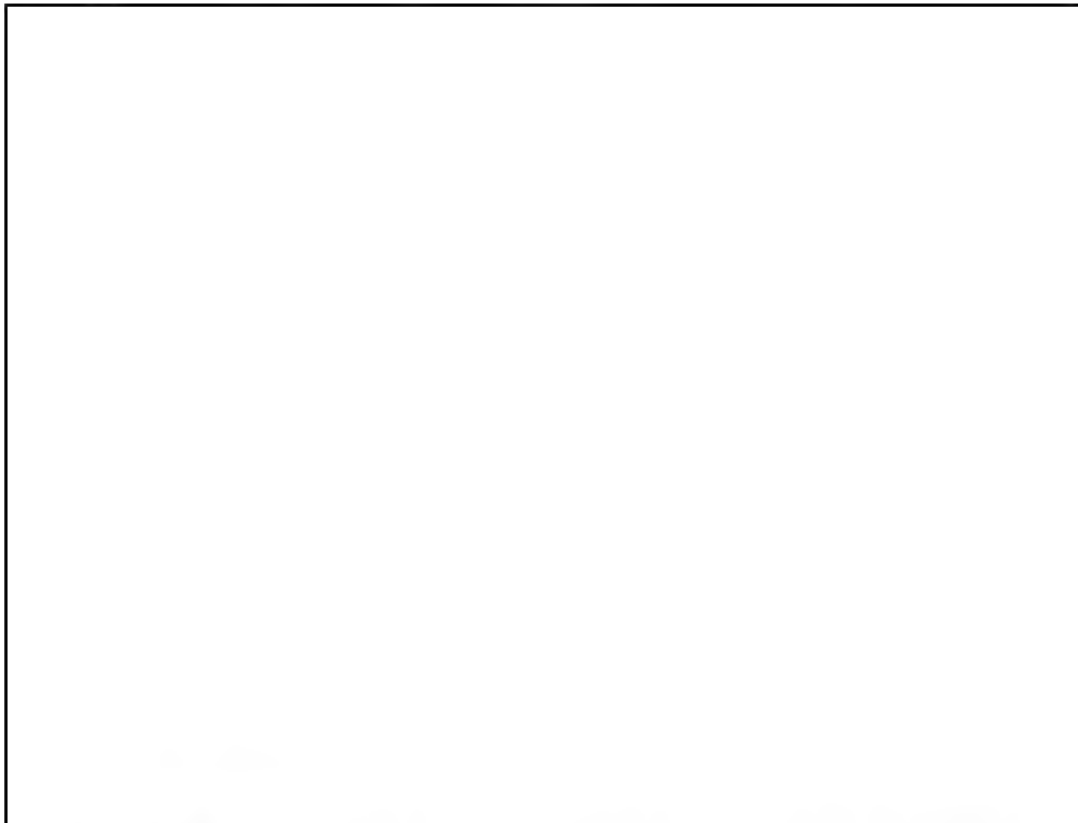
The revision of NSCIDs and particularly the recent revision of NSCID 1 reorganizing the intelligence structure by creating a single U. S. Intelligence Board will have a most important bearing upon the organization of the Intelligence Community in war. Similarly the recent reorganization of the command structure in the Department of Defense will affect the war time posture of the Intelligence Community. While the impact of war will have little if any effect on the responsibilities which the Intelligence Advisory Committee has been performing,

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as was concluded in an IAC study in 1956, the reorganization of the community affected by the foregoing changes will have a bearing on the future development of plans for wartime operations. These will require further study and can be further tested in future alert exercises. Meanwhile, the Intelligence Community has taken other action which will have a bearing on wartime functioning. For example, we have developed an improved system for reporting critical intelligence information to the highest authorities and we have planned greatly improved communications facilities for handling such informa-

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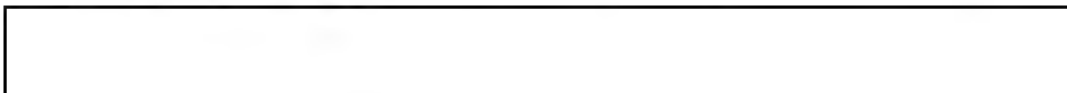


f. Recommendation No. 7 of 20 December 1956 on management of the COMINT effort.

Action:

(1) This recommendation was studied by the Deputy Secretary of Defense who concluded that high-level direction of the COMINT effort was being provided by the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations) who has direct responsibility for such matters, and, in fact, operates at the assistant secretary level; the DCI concurred in these conclusions.

(2) The ability of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Special Operations) to provide high-level direction to the COMINT effort and ensure its coordination with the over-all U. S. foreign intelligence effort will be greatly improved through his membership on the new U. S. Intelligence Board.



Action:

(1) This specific recommendation and both COMINT and ELINT activities in general were the subject of a special study undertaken by a panel chaired by Dr. William O. Baker and selected by the Secretary of Defense and the Director of ODM in consultation with the Secretary of State and the DCI. The results of the Baker Panel investigation and the seven recommendations made in their report were studied by the intelligence community and all recommendations have been approved and are being implemented.

(2) The USCIB Task Force established to study the U.S. ELINT structure concluded that the Baker Panel recommendation would not provide the necessary over-all national planning for all aspects of the ELINT process, and recommended instead that under USCIB policy direction a single national authority direct and control the COMINT and ELINT activities of the U.S. government. USCIB recommended to the NSC that the Secretary of Defense be designated the Executive Agent of the Government for ELINT and that the Director, NSA be assigned the authority and responsibility for providing an effective, unified organization to control and direct the ELINT activities of the U.S. Government. This provision has been incorporated in the revised National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 6 which reflects the formation of the new U.S. Intelligence Board.

(3) The ELINT Committee is studying certain supplementary recommendations of the Task Force with a view to possible action to improve the effectiveness of the ELINT effort.

h. Recommendation No. 9 of 20 December 1956 on review of National Security Council Intelligence Directives.

Action:

The intelligence community's review and revision of the National Security Council Intelligence Directives has been completed. The original 17 directives have been reduced to 6 and one new directive has been added making a total of seven currently outstanding. The provisions of the new directives are stated in positive terms,

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the coordinating authority of the DCI is specifically established and the responsibilities of the departmental intelligence agencies are clearly defined. Appropriate revisions are being made in the supporting Director of Central Intelligence Directives.

i. Recommendation No. 10 of 20 December 1956 on the management and coordination responsibilities of the DCI.

Action:

On 1 July 1957 the DCI appointed General L. K. Truscott, Jr. (Retired) as his Deputy Director for Coordination with the mission to review all possibilities for increasing integration, reducing duplication and improving coordination within the intelligence community; and after such review to recommend when action is necessary by the DCI. This office has had primary responsibility for planning, coordinating and supervising the recently completed review of the NSCIDs.

j. Recommendation No. 1 of 24 October 1957 on perfection of the communicating and processing of prior warning of Soviet attack intelligence information.

Action:

(1) A new National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 7 on "Critical Intelligence Communications" was approved by the NSC on 27 August 1958 and provides for the establishment of communications means for the most timely transmission of critical intelligence, particularly that related to early warning of Soviet attack.

(2) A new Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 1/8 on "Handling of Critical Intelligence" was approved by the IAC on 29 April 1958. This directive established procedures and practices to ensure that critical intelligence will reach responsible action officials in Washington by the most rapid means available.

k. Recommendation No. 2 of 24 October 1957 on the establishment of a single Board to take over the responsibilities being discharged separately by the USCIB and the IAC.

Action:

Final NSC approval of 15 September 1958 of a new NSCID No. 1 established the new U. S. Intelligence

Board which supersedes the former USCIB and IAC. All members of the two separate groups are members of the new Board which held its first meeting on 16 September 1958.

1. Recommendation No. 3 of 24 October 1957 on new developments in advanced reconnaissance systems.

Action: (I have asked Mr. Bissel's office to supply comment on this item.)

2. Recommendation No. 4 of 24 October 1957 on the Soviet missile program.

Action:

On 21 April 1958 the IAC approved DCID No. 2/2 establishing a new "Critical Collection Problems Committee." This committee will concern itself with the collection of intelligence on such critical problems as those covered by the above mentioned recommendation. The new committee is responsible for inventories of collection capabilities, allocation of actions to improve intelligence collection capabilities, promotion of new ideas and techniques for collection, study of the results of collection actions in order to recommend improvements and general recommendations to improve the speed, relevancy and accuracy of collection and transmission of information.

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Deputy Director (Coordination)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Coordination ✓
Deputy Director/Intelligence
Deputy Director/Plans
Deputy Director/Support

SUBJECT : Meeting of President's Board of Consultants,
Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 October 1958

1. The President's Board of Consultants is meeting on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 October, and have asked that the Director meet with them on Thursday, 2 October, from 11 o'clock through lunch. The Board has indicated that they would like to have this meeting alone with the Director and that on Friday, the 3rd, there will be a time available if the Director wishes to have others from this organization meet with them. The Board has indicated that they would like to have the following subjects covered:

- a. Iraq
- b. Indonesia
- c. Relations with Congress
- d. Status of action on recommendations

The DCI has indicated that he would like to discuss:

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- b. The role of the Bureau of the Budget

2. For your information, the Board is also planning to meet with representatives of the Baker Committee and to have General Breitweiser discuss with them the effect of the Pentagon reorganization on the intelligence structure of the Department of Defense.

~~/S/ LYMAN B. KIRKPATRICK~~


Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

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Remarks:

Could your office undertake to prepare a brief statement on the status of action on Board recommendations. I would suggest that this be covered in a round-up, mentioning each of the 14 recommendations made thus far, and would appreciate if it could be double spaced and I could have it by c.o.b. 26 September.



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